



# Faith & Zeal

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District and Institute

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## District Brothers Renew Annual Vows and Begin the Novitiate

On August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Brothers from around the District of Eastern North America gathered in Lincroft, NJ to welcome new members and celebrate various Jubilarians. The process to becoming a Brother extends many years with various stages or steps. A Brother first makes their initial promises and enters the postulancy. This is a period for the Brother to experience community life while also receiving the necessary training and instruction to be able to serve in an educational setting.

After one to two years as a postulant the brother enters a Novitiate. The Novitiate is a year-long retreat where a Brother deepens his own prayer life and continues his discernment. The year is filled with classes on the history of the Brothers, the Founder, and the Rule as well as guest lectures and community outings. Upon entering the Novitiate a Brother receives his habit and makes his first annual vows. Following the Novitiate a Brother continues to make annual vows for several years before making final vows.



**From Left: Postulant Paul Cillo, Novice Steven Barbaro, Novice Paul Avvento, Brother David Deradoorian, DENA Visitor Dennis Lee**

The District welcomed one new postulant and two new Novices on the District Day back in the beginning of August. Family and friends surrounded new Brothers Paul Avvento, Steven Barbaro, and Paul Cillo during the liturgical ceremony as they entered a new family. The ceremony was also a time to honor Brothers celebrating various jubilees. The District celebrated 20 Jubilarians who combined have served a total of 710 years as Brothers. The juxtaposition of the new Brothers next to the jubilarians allowed everyone present to honor the past and have hope for the future of the Brothers in our District.

## Dr. Guerriero Attends John Johnston Institute over the Summer

Every year the District and Region offers several formation programs to allow members of our community to learn more about the charism of the Brothers and Lasallian values. The participants include: Brothers, administrators, teachers, and guidance counselors. The programs range from a simple weekend to weeklong programs that meet for three years. This past summer Dr. Guerriero had the opportunity to attend the John Johnston institute at Manhattan College.

The John Johnston institute is meant for leaders within the region or district that exercise mission influence. Participants meet a total of six times over the course of two in years in various district and regional gatherings. The program focuses on deepening the participants understanding of De La Salle's story and vision, Lasallian Pedagogy, the promotion of justice, and Lasallian spirituality. The program "draws from contemporary texts to inform and influence current and future Lasallian Practice" (Lasallian.info).

Below is a brief reflection from Dr. Guerriero on her time at the John Johnston Institute:

*"This past summer, after three full years as President at La Salle Academy, NYC, I began the three-year course of study that is the John Johnson Institute. To say that it was impacting to me - and my leadership of La Salle - would be an understatement. I have been aware, broadly, that it is striking to land in the top spot in a Lasallian ministry and having had come from outside the world of our unique Lasallian culture and association. The awareness of what I didn't know came sharply into focus during this intense week of learning and fellowship. The mission of St. John Baptiste de la Salle, like that Our Lord, is more than words on a page, or a set of mere rules to follow, but rather, it is Love in Action. This was something I witnessed head-on at the JJI. We are, in fact, Lasallian by and through our association. Practically speaking, the ability to fellowship with other Lasallian leaders from around the country and hear about best practices and their often eerily parallel struggles and successes to those in my school ... well, this was of profound importance to the future planning of La Salle Academy and to me personally. I know I am just getting started here, but I can't wait to find out what else I don't know. Ferreting out my own ignorance - and its erasure - was never so rewarding."*

## Hurricane Update

Our discerning ministry of Saint John Paul II Academy had landscape damage but no structural damage to the school. The case was similar at Centro La Salle in Homestead. Saint John Baptist de La Salle College in Port au Prince, Haiti suffered no damage but there was significant damage to the Lasallian ministries in the north of Haiti. St. Vincent Strambi in Jamaica was not affected by Irma. The La Salle Sisters' ministry in Houston was severely damaged in Harvey and they are requesting help. Donate [here](#) or send donations to: La Salle Sisters, 13115 Dogwood Blossom Trail, Houston, TX 77065.

## Meet the Math Department

With many new faces and some returning faculty members it can be hard to find the time to intermingle among departments and build community. Over the next few months a different department will be featured in each newsletter to allow us to get to know the members of our community. This month's department is the Math department!

### Yvette Masullo (Department Chair)

**Experience-** 20 years teaching, 15 years at La Salle Academy

**Classes-** Algebra 1, Geometry, Honors Geometry

**Bio-** I believe every student can aspire to improve and is a capable human being. Having said that, I hold all of them to high standards. I'm a mother of 4 and I hold my students to the same high expectations I have for my own children.



### Ana-Maria Ritziu

**Experience-** 30+ years, 14 years at La Salle Academy

**Classes-** Algebra 2, Trigonometry, Honors Alg 2/Trig

**Bio-** My name is Ana-Maria and I am from Romania. Everyday I come to La Salle with a passion to teach and inspire the boys, as I know they are the future of our great country. Having raised my daughter on my own, I value the importance of a good education, as I know how expensive that can be at times. La Salle knows this as well as they prove each year that no matter where you come from or what your background is, everyone deserves and is entitled to a great education.



## Stephanie Carlsen

### Experience

Classes- Geometry, Algebra 2, and AP Calculus

**Bio-** She earned her Bachelor's in Mathematics at Saint Mary's College of California, and went on to become a Lasallian Volunteer here at La Salle Academy. Her time here inspired her to attend graduate school, and she earned her Masters in Teaching Adolescent Mathematics from Fordham University while teaching math at a Catholic middle school in East Harlem. Ms. Carlsen

returned to teach at La Salle Academy for the 2016-2017 school year. She is a Khan Academy Ambassador and a Core Advocate. She enjoys Harry Potter, Disney, Star Wars, Rubik's cubes, and Major League Baseball.

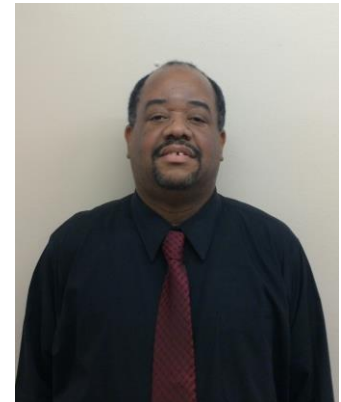


## Charles Ivy

Experience- 15 years

### Classes

**Bio-** I was born in NYC and have been living in the South Bronx for almost 40 years. As a 1998 graduate of Pace University, NY, I have been teaching mathematics on the middle school and high school level in NYC urban public school districts for 15 years. I worked with many types of students ranging from honor level students to at risk students I have a background in Computer Science and programming. It is my goal to combine my range of experience with my ability to be a compassionate, enthusiastic, intelligent educator who will make a positive contribution to your lives.



## Upcoming Lasallian Events and Important Dates

Sept 21-Oct 21 International Lasallian Days for Peace

September 25<sup>th</sup> –Br. Francis Eells visits to give vocation talks to seniors

September 27<sup>th</sup> – Feast day of Blessed Scubilion Rousseau

Oct 1-3 Luke Salm Workshop for Religion teachers and Campus Ministers

November 16-18 Huether Lasallian Conference

## Staff Birthdays



Ms. Mary Kenny    Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>

Ms. Dana Paniagua    Oct. 1st

Luz Morales    Oct. 2nd

Ms. Jaime Selkirk    Oct. 4th